

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Summary of FY 2008 Chairman's Mark

23-May-07

(discretionary funding in millions of dollars)

	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 President's Request	FY 2008 Chairman's Mark	Chairman vs. 2007	Chairman vs. Request
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Chairman's Mark	26,405	25,652	27,598	1,193	1,946
Department of Interior:	9,905	9,713	10,167	262	454
Bureau of Land Management, non-fire	1,019	1,020	1,046	27	26
US Fish and Wildlife Service	1,331	1,287	1,415	84	128
<i>[National Wildlife Refuge System]</i>	[395]	[395]	[451]	[56]	[56]
National Park Service	2,289	2,364	2,517	228	153
<i>[NPS park base]</i>	[1,127]	[1,233]	[1,233]	[106]	-
US Geological Survey	983	975	1,033	50	58
Bureau of Indian Affairs	2,308	2,229	2,347	39	118
Office of Special Trustee	223	196	193	-30	-3
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	233	190	233	0	43
Environmental Protection Agency:	7,725	7,199	8,086	361	887
Science and Technology	733	755	788	55	33
Commission on Climate Change Mitigation	0	0	50	50	50
Environmental Programs and Management	2,358	2,298	2,376	18	78
Hazardous Substances Superfund	1,255	1,245	1,272	17	27
State and Tribal Assistance Grants	3,185	2,725	3,392	207	667
<i>[Clean Water Fund]</i>	[1084]	[688]	[1125]	[41]	[437]
<i>[Infrastructure projects]</i>	0	0	140	[140]	[140]
U.S. Forest Service, non-fire	2,501	2,258	2,603	102	345
Indian Health Service	3,180	3,271	3,384	204	113
Smithsonian Institution	635	678	652	17	-26
Kennedy Center	30	39	43	13	4
National Endowment for the Arts	125	128	160	35	32
National Endowment for the Humanities	141	141	160	19	19
Interior Cross-cutting Programs:					
Land Acquisition and Forest Legacy (LWCF)	198	87	268	70	181
Construction Accounts	844	657	744	-100	87
Wildland Fire, DOI & FS	2,582	2,670	2,781	199	111
Indian Programs	5,488	5,500	5,731	243	231
Climate Change	173	170	264	91	94

National Park Service:

- Provides an increase of \$199 million, as requested by the President, for core operations of the national parks as part of the 10-year Parks Centennial Initiative and an additional \$50 million of appropriated funds to be matched with private funds for "signature" projects associated with the Centennial Challenge effort to restore the parks by 2016. The President's budget requested \$100 million in mandatory spending which is being considered by the authorizing Committees but is unlikely to be in place for 2008.
- Provides a \$30 million increase over the 2007 funding levels for historic preservation activities, including \$11.9 million for Save America's Treasures, \$7 million for Heritage Partnership Grants, \$8.8 million for State and tribal Historic Preservation Offices, and \$5 million for the Preserve America program.

US Fish and Wildlife Service:

- Provides an increase of \$56 million for the National Wildlife Refuge System, bringing the total Refuge System budget to \$451 million. This will restore recent staffing reductions and begin to rebuild the management capacity in the Refuge System.
- Provides a total of \$85 million for the State and tribal wildlife grants program.
- Provides an increase of \$11 million for endangered species, habitat conservation, and environmental contaminants.

Wildland Fire – Interior Department and Forest Service:

- Fully funds the 10-year average of actual wildfire suppression expenditures, inflation adjusted, resulting in \$859 million for the Forest Service and \$294 million for the Interior Department; which is \$163 million over FY 2007.
- Fully funds the preparedness accounts, which provides \$675 million for the Forest Service (\$107 million above the request) and \$275 million for the Interior Department (\$7 million over the request).
- Increases hazardous fuels project funding by \$19 million over the request, including a total of \$310 million for the Forest Service and \$203 million for the Interior Department.

Bureau of Land Management:

- Provides an increase of \$10 million over the President's request for management of the National Landscape Conservation System and provides the full request of \$15 million for the Healthy Lands Initiative.

US Geological Survey:

- Provides \$10 million for the US Geological Survey for new research on global climate change and fully funds the request for the Landsat data continuity mission.
- Restores \$22 million for the minerals assessments teams and \$6.4 million for the water resources institutes, both of which were slated for elimination by the Administration.

Bureau of Indian Affairs:

- Provides \$20 million above the President's request for combating methamphetamine in Indian Country for a total increase of \$37 million above the enacted level.
- Provides \$43 million above the request for improving Indian education in Indian Country for a total of \$54 million above the enacted level, including full restoration of \$22 million for the Johnson O'Malley Assistance Grants.
- Provides \$49 million in restorations for the housing improvement program, Indian Child Welfare Act, trust natural resource programs, the fire protection program, and community and economic development programs.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes:

- Restores PILT to the enacted level of \$233 million, an increase of \$43 million above the President's request.

Environmental Protection Agency:

- Provides \$8.1 billion for the EPA, the second largest budget ever provided to the Agency.
- Begins to fill the gap between water and wastewater infrastructure need and financing by increasing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to \$1.1 billion, an increase of \$437 million over the request.
- Restores funding for water and sewer infrastructure grants at \$140 million.
- Restores \$16 million for rural water technical assistance as a competitive program.
- Provides the largest ever amount to reduce the toxic effects of diesel gas emissions with \$50 million for the new grant program authorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which is \$15 million over the President's request.
- Restores the State and local air grants to the FY 2006 level of \$220 million, a \$35 million increase over the request.
- Recognizes the national importance of a number of large water bodies by providing \$172 million to restore and enhance America's waters, which is \$50 million above the 2007 enacted level and \$63 million over the request.
- Restores \$25 million to the targeted watershed program, which was eliminated in the 2008 request.
- Provides \$600 million for clean up at Superfund sites, an increase of \$26 million above the FY 2007 level.
- Provides \$100 million for Brownfields projects, an increase of \$11 million above the request and FY 2007.
- Increases the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) programs, including underground storage tank grants and cooperative agreements by \$26 million above the request, for a total LUST program level of \$118 million.

U.S. Forest Service - (without wildfire):

- Restores and provides small program increases for the basic land stewardship responsibilities of the Forest Service, including \$13 million over FY 2007 for both recreation management, which is \$40 million over request, and forest products, which is \$14 million over request.
- Provides a major new legacy roads remediation initiative with \$65 million to repair damaged roads in sensitive watersheds, roads adversely affecting water systems, and roads damaged by recent storms.

Indian Health Service:

- Restores \$34 million for the urban health program, which was eliminated in the request.
- Provides \$25 million above the President's request for the Indian Health Care Improvement Fund to reduce the health care disparity in Indian Country.
- Provides \$15 million above the request for treatment and prevention of methamphetamine use in Indian Country.
- Provides an additional \$10 million above the President's request for Contract Health Services, \$5 million for the loan repayment program and \$3 million for contract support costs above the President's request.

Smithsonian Institution:

- Provides \$536 million, the 2007 level, for operational costs of the Smithsonian, which is a \$35 million reduction from the President's request, based on significant problems of governance and fiscal policies at the Institution.
- Increases funding for facilities by \$17.5 million, a \$9 million increase over the budget.

National Endowments for the Arts and the Humanities:

- Provides \$160 million for the National Endowment for the Arts, which is an increase of \$35 million over the FY 2007 level to partially restore arts funding to the FY 1994 level.
- Provides \$160 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities, which is a \$19 million increase over the FY 2007 level to partially restore funding to the 1994 level.

Land and Water Conservation Fund:

- Provides \$268 million to the four land management agency acquisition accounts, forest legacy program, and the "stateside" acquisition program in the National Park Service, an increase of \$181 million from the request.

Climate Change:

- Provides increases of \$44 million for the core science programs of the Department of Interior (US Geological Survey), Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Forest Service.
- Provides an increase of \$50 million for a new temporary Commission on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation to review the science questions on how to best adapt to a warming planet and the specific science investments needed to address this reality. It will not deal with whether climate change is real, its causes or regulatory steps needed. \$5 million of the total will go to support Commission activities and \$45 to Federal science agencies to begin implementation of the Commission's recommendations.
- Includes a new Title (Title V) that is a "Sense of the Congress" stating that climate change is a reality and that actions need to be taken to deal with this reality.